International Border with Pakistan has been strengthened. The Water Wing of the BSF has been given additional speed boats and medium crafts so as to achieve dominance in the area;

The other measures taken by the Government to curb ISI/terrorist activities include sensitisation of the concerned agencies, gearing up of intelligence machinery and strengthening of BSF i.e. reducing the distance between BOPs, increasing the number of Patrols/ Nakas, erection of OP Towers, intensification of border patrolling, supply of various equipments like night vision devices, binoculars, twin telescope, hand held search lights, etc. for effective observation during day and night.

Statement

	RAJASTHAN			GUJARAT		
	1992	1993	1994	1992	1993	1994
Contraband (Value) (in Rupees)	4,68,10,753	4,06,55,922	100,54,56,337	22,36,703	5,9623,549	1,34,53,614
Arms (in Numbers)	29	03	17	49	—	—
Ammunition (in Numbers)	4,559	45	1,795	3,165	—	—
Gold-In Kgs.	43.977	41.704	0.046	___	__	
Value in Rs.	2,50,02,000	1,89,51,490	1,9200			
Heroin-in Kgs.	6.000	54.975	100.125	___	—	—
Value in Rs.	18,00,000	1,33,75,000	99,03,00,000			
Charas-in Kgs.	302.000	803.000	251.675	—	__	260.000
Value in Rs.	10,57,000	58,40,010	47,75,850			1.28,00.000
Opium-in Kgs.	___	5.900	1.377	___	—	_____
Value in Rs.		11,800	5,200			
B/Sugar-in Kgs.	—	—	—	___	—	—
Value in Rs.						
Hashish-in Kgs.	—	___	1.30	___	__	—
Value in Rs.			5,000			
A/Anhydride-in Ltrs.	5,580.000	7,997.000	3,370.000	—	—	—
Value in Rs.	55,80,000	79,97,000	91,35.300			

Shortage of Information Officers in Indian Missions

*60. DR. SHRIKANT RAM CHANDRA JICHKAR: SHRI JAGIR SINGH DARD:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there is an acute shortage of Information Officers in Indian Missions abroad; and

(b) if so, what steps have been taken to make good this situation?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI PRANAB MUKHERJEE): (a) No, Sir. Press and Information Wings of our Missions/Posts abroad, which play a key role in the projection of India's policies and in countering adverse publicity, are adequately staffed and equipped to fulfil their responsibilities.

(b) Does not arise